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HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-UP CAPITAL, 5,000,000 Dollars. RESERVE FUND, 1,000,000 Dollars.

COUNCIL OF DIRECTORS.

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HONGKONG.  
INTEREST ALLOWED.  
ON Current Deposit Account at the rate of 1 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

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Drafts, granted on London, and the chief Commercial places in Europe, India, Australia, America, China and Japan.

T. JACKSON,  
Chief Manager,  
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No. 1, Queen's Road East.  
Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.

CAPITAL, £300,000.  
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THE BANK'S BRANCH in HONGKONG grants Drafts on London and the Chief Commercial places in Europe and the East; buys and receives for collection Bills of Exchange; and conducts all kinds of Banking and Exchange Business.

Local Bills discounted, and interest allowed on Current Accounts and on Deposits for fixed periods on terms which may be ascertained on application.

## FOR SALE.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs  
Loaves.)

CUT LOAF SUGAR.

CUBE SUGAR (Lydi's Patent).

CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4111\*.

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GOLDEN SYRUP, SYRUP, and

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SPRITS OR WINE and LAMP SPIRITS.

RUM, 48°, 50°, O.P., and Naval.

ANIMAL CHARCOAL and DUST.

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BONE TAR (a preventive of white ants).

ROUGH BONE TALLOW.

Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

Particulars and Prices on application to

THE MANAGER,

CHINA SUGAR REFINING CO., LIMITED,

East Point, Hongkong.

March 5, 1878.

## For Sale.

LAMMERT, ATKINSON & CO.

### HAVE FOR SALE.

VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp. COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS. SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS. GENTS' TOOL CHESTS. MASSEY PATENT LOGS. METALLIC MEASURING TAPES, in strong Leather Cases. SPIRIT LEVELs. HAMMERS. DOG COLLARS and CHAINS. SAILORS' SEWING and ROPING PALMS. COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lens according to the latest Admiralty regulations. DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps. PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes. BOOKS.

TRAVELLER'S GUIDE BOOKS. LETT'S DIARIES, for 1878. NOVELS, SCHOOL BOOKS. WORKS OF REFERENCE and GIFT BOOKS. SHEET MUSIC and SONGS.

IMPERIAL TRACING PAPER. RODGERS' CELEBRATED CUTLERY. MAPPIN BRO'S SCISSORS. MANIFOLD WRITERS. LETTER SCALES. STATIONERY of ALL KINDS. BROWN WRAPPING PAPER. CARD-BOARD, Assorted Colours. DATE RACKS. INVOICE FILES. QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES. UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVÉ INK. MAYNARD & NOYES' WRITING and COPYING INK. MUCILAGE, &c., &c.

KELLY & WALSH'S CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and

HAPPY THOUGHT TOBACCO.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.

BARCLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.

FINEST CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

MACEWEN, FRICKEL & CO.

## FOR SALE.

EX RECENT ARRIVALS.

HUBBUCK'S PALE BOILED LINSEED OIL

In 5 Gallon Drums and Barrels.

VARNISHES—Copal.

Black and Bright.

CORDAGE—Europe Ropes, Bolt Rope, Houseline, Marline, Hamberline, Ratline, Spunyarn, Signal Hallards.

BUNTING—All Colors.

HEMP Seaming Twine, Hemp Roping Twine, Cotton Twine.

HENRY'S CANVAS.

COTTON DUCK, No. 1 to 8.

COTTON RAVENS, 8, 10 and 12 oz.

RUTHERFORD'S ALL LONG FLAX

AND NAVY BOILED CANVAS.

ASH OARS, 14, 15, 16, and 17 feet long.

ENGINE PACKING (T U C K & R O U N D), ALL SIZES.

CANVAS INSERTION, PURE GUM.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878.

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## For Sale.

EX LATE ARRIVALS.

DRAWING PAPER. FARINA'S EAU DE COLOGNE. TRACING PAPER and CLOTH. QUININE. RED INK for STEEL PENS. BASS'S ALE and GUINNESS'S STOUT, bottled by Foster. PRICKLY HEAT SOAP. SUMMER SOCKS. LAWN TENNIS BATS and BALLS. NEW SHIRTS and COLLARS. GRAPHOSCOPES. STUDENT'S DICTIONARIES.

PEN-MAKING MACHINES.

CARBOLIC ACID.

NEW PLAYING CARDS.

IRIDESCENT FLOWER VASES.

IRIDESCENT SPECIMEN GLASSES.

FLOWER TROUGHS.

ELECTRO-PLATED WARE.

AMERICAN ICE PITCHERS.

TABLE CUTLERY.

GOLD LEAF TOBACCO.

THE NEW LIFE JACKET.

G. B. D. PIPES.

IRISH CONSTABULARY REVOLVERS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE JUST RECEIVED THEIR SUPPLY OF THE NEW SEASON'S

CUMSHAW MIXTURE.

This well-known and delicious Tea, is a most acceptable present to home friends, and is delivered free of all charges or duty to any part of Great Britain, at \$8 per 5 Catty and \$14 per 10 Catty Box.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878.

## Intimations.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

VALUABLE LAND AND GODOWNS,

&c.

THE Undersigned has received instruc-

tions to sell by Public Auction,

ON

TUESDAY,

the 16th July, 1878, at Half-past

Three P.M.,

In the Bank Buildings, Queen's Road,—

The following very VALUABLE

LOTS of LAND, with GODOWNS,

&c., erected thereon, at Wan Chai and

# THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 4678.—JUNE 26, 1878.]

## Intimations.

### 5th DRAWING.

#### Chinese Imperial 3 per cent. Loan of 1874.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN**, that in conformity with the stipulation contained in the Bonds of this Loan, the following numbers of Bonds to be paid off at par, in Hongkong, on the 30th of June, and in London, on the 19th of August next, when the Interest thereon will cease to be payable, were this day Drawn at the Office of the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION, situate No. 31, Lombard Street, in this City, in the presence of Mr. WILLIAM NICHOLLS, Acting Accountant of the said Corporation, and of the undersigned Notary.

#### NUMBERS OF BONDS DRAWN.

##### 314 Bonds Nos.—

14	710	1405	2107	2809	3514	4203	4914	5620
36	723	1429	2121	2829	3521	4230	4935	5623
45	741	1442	2145	2847	3552	4258	4956	5647
78	767	1473	2167	2874	3566	4270	4969	5676
90	794	1487	2190	2898	3585	4281	4994	5695
106	814	1520	2214	2919	3617	4309	5003	5711
124	823	1534	2233	2926	3624	4336	5022	5734
144	844	1551	2243	2952	3646	4350	5047	5755
170	862	1577	2262	2980	3674	4372	5062	5770
195	897	1586	2283	2992	3696	4399	5095	5790
208	909	1601	2313	3009	3703	4401	5112	5819
221	935	1629	2331	3035	3730	4435	5132	5832
262	945	1660	2358	3060	3751	4451	5155	5846
263	966	1667	2362	3075	3765	4463	5171	5871
285	984	1700	2385	3095	3786	4498	5190	5894
305	1007	1717	2417	3118	3801	4610	5206	5906
324	1022	1730	2439	3136	3831	4638	5228	5931
364	1066	1757	2453	3157	3851	4649	5260	5967
377	1062	1771	2477	3165	3878	4656	5272	5971
389	1083	1785	2500	3191	3889	4659	5288	5985
415	1106	1805	2505	3207	3908	4666	5291	5992
437	1126	1827	2537	3231	3928	4681	5308	6000
448	1146	1848	2563	3251	3944	4694	5322	6013
481	1167	1864	2588	3272	3977	4705	5331	6073
495	1186	1886	2593	3300	3996	4685	5387	6093
609	1207	1903	2603	3320	4007	4713	5415	6113
522	1222	1925	2632	3327	4032	4738	5425	6129
564	1243	1955	2655	3342	4042	4756	5460	6158
577	1262	1969	2689	3379	4068	4768	5464	6162
588	1289	2017	2706	3405	4117	4809	5506	6209
620	1313	2027	2729	3438	4139	4825	5540	6222
633	1359	2053	2745	3448	4158	4849	5553	6237
646	1363	2068	2776	3463	4175	4854	5563	6238
679	1392	2100	2784	3499	4197	4862	5598	

For £100 Sterling each, = £31,400.

For the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,

W.M. NICHOLLS,  
Acting Accountant.

Coupled signed,

W.W. VENN, Junior,  
Notary Public,  
2, Pope's Head Alley, Cornhill, E.C.

LONDON, 17th April, 1878.

G. FALCONER & Co.,  
WATCH AND CHRONOMETER  
MANUFACTURERS,  
AND  
JEWELLERS,  
NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS  
AND BOOKS.  
46, Queen's Road Central.  
Hongkong, June 20, 1878. jy20

THE EQUITABLE LIFE ASSURANCE  
SOCIETY OF THE  
UNITED STATES.

HENRY B. HYDE, President.  
J.W. ALEXANDER, Vice-President.  
SAMUEL BOROWE, Secretary.  
A.A. HAYES, Jr., General Manager, for  
China and Japan.

PRINCIPAL OFFICE,  
120, BROADWAY, NEW YORK.  
Assets.....\$31,700,000  
Surplus.....\$ 5,500,000

THE Undersigned having been appointed  
Agents in Hongkong, China, for the  
above Company, are prepared to Accept  
Risks at greatly reduced rates and upon  
terms very favourable to the assured.  
For full information and particulars,  
apply to

OLYPHANT & Co.,  
Agents.

Hongkong, January 21, 1878.

DENTAL NOTICE.

D.R. ROGERS begs to intimate to his  
Friends that he is about to visit  
SHANGHAI, and will be absent from Hong-  
kong from April 1st to June 15th.  
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

W. BALL,  
CHINA DISPENSARY.

IMPORTER OF DRUGS, CHEMICALS,  
DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES, TOILET  
REQUISITES, PATENT MEDIC-  
CINES AND PERFUMES.

Prescriptions Dispensed with Carefulness,  
and Prompt Attention.

PRAYA WEST, HONGKONG,  
Near the Canton Steamer's Wharf.  
Hongkong, July 18, 1878.

AFONG,  
PHOTOGRAPHER,  
by appointment, to

H.E. SIR ARTHUR KENNEDY,  
H.E. ADMIRAL ALFRED P. RIDER,  
and to

H.E. THE GRAND DUKE ALEXIS  
OF RUSSIA.

HAS in hand the Largest and Best  
collection of Views of China. Photo-  
graphs of the Ruins and destructions at  
Canton, caused by the Tornado of the  
11th Instant. Coloured Photographs of  
English Ladies, Russi, Leather, Velvet,  
Morocco, and Carved-wood Photographic  
Albums; Scrap Books, Armorial Monograms  
and Postage Stamp Albums; Frames and  
Cases, Gilt Mounting for Frames, all of  
assorted sizes, tanned and prices.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

The above has the pleasure to inform his  
numerous Customers and the Public of  
Hongkong, that his Photographic Establish-  
ment is removed to the Newly-erected  
Building in Queen's Road  
near Messrs. BARRATT & Co.,  
Hongkong, April 22, 1878.

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## THE CHINA MAIL.

## LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The U. S. gunboat *Ranger* left the harbour this morning, returning at 5 p.m.

A MARINE Court of enquiry will be held at noon to-morrow at the Harbour Office to investigate the circumstances attending the loss of the British barque *Knight of Snowden*.

We are requested to state that all Jurors summoned for this Sessions are required to attend at Court to-morrow, Thursday, 27th instant, at 10.30 a.m.

We learn from the F. & O. S. N. Company, that the S. S. *Zambesi*, with the next mail, left Singapore at noon on Monday, the 24th instant.

We remind our readers of the dramatic performance by the Band of the 74th, which took place this evening and to-morrow, commencing at 9 o'clock.

This O. & C. Steamship *Gaelic* has gone over to the Cosmopolitan Docks to clean and paint. This is the first of this line of steamers that has gone to these Docks.

We are informed by the Agents (Messrs Melchers & Co.) that the steamer *Stad Amsterdam* left Singapore for this port on the 24th instant. She left London on the 18th May.

is a somewhat heavy and unwieldy weapon, not of the newest pattern, but admirably fitted for dropping effectively upon one's own comrade at drill. We presume that regulation carbines will soon take the place of the discarded Snider, and that the Martini-Henry will be placed in the hands of the riflemen, notwithstanding the apparently "arranging" powers of the Conference.

## INQUESTS.

An inquest was held this afternoon at the Tung-wah Hospital on the body of a child who was killed by falling down a smoke-hole.

The following gentlemen comprised the Jury: Messrs H. G. James, H. Wicking, J. R. White. The deceased, a little girl, fell down one of the open smoke-holes usually found in all Chinese houses. The distance was about 38 feet. She was picked up and conveyed to the Tung-wah Hospital, where she died at 11 o'clock yesterday morning. The Jury returned a verdict of the law, and the purchasers had considerable difficulty in entering on the enjoyment of their property. Some difficulty about ownership of the furniture appears to have been the trouble, and an ancient proprietor was found entrenched in the citadel and refused to give up possession. Fortunately Messrs Bonnat were without native auxiliaries, as the garrison (*i.e.* the house and stable-boys) were prepared to resist to the death. Legal parliamentarians of course immediately appeared on the scene, the place was declared in a state of siege, and the non-combatants (in an hotel one can hardly call lodgers *bouches inutiles*) got orders to quit. Hurried packing, much bad language, general stampede, rejoicing at rival hotels, and a great rush to the Club, of course resulted. The next move observed, after thirty-six hours of closed doors, was the creation of a scaffolding all round the fortress, but whether this was for facilitating throwing-in of hand-grenades or for cleaning the windows, was not apparent. Happily, however, some compromise appears to have been arrived at; the commander of the garrison was with all due ceremony, lifted out of a sally-port, the garrison marched out with all the honours of war, and three tournaments, in three Consular Courts, are, we believe, arranged to take place as a final close of the campaign. Messrs Bonnat will doubtless entertain all the late guests at an inaugural champagne tiffin, to celebrate their own victory, and to welcome their customers' return.

CHAN AHOI and CHAN AON, unlicensed boatmen, were charged by Samuel Chapman, master of the British ship *Sir Harry Parkes*, with sending spirits on board his vessel. The Captain observed them passing it over the bows. The defendants and the bottle were taken to the Police Huk.

A second inquest was held on the body of a man named Chung Kin Tai, aged 72, who was found drowned in the harbour near Shau-ki-wan. The evidence went to show that deceased had been subject to fits of insanity, and during one of these fits he destroyed himself. Inspector Swanston and a party of Police received information of the deceased being missing, and they dragged the beach, and found the body near the house where he formerly lived. The body was injured by the drags. The Jury returned a verdict of suicide, whilst in an unsound state of mind.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

## KOWLOON SITES.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"  
Hongkong, 25th June, 1878.

An Old Resident in your yesterday evening's paper, after saying with much truth that a Saville's Bank would be a benefit to the many of the Colony who have no safe place in which to accumulate small savings, refers to some previous correspondence on the subject of building sites at Kowloon, and adds that (in his opinion) the scheme of procuring building sites there for the Portuguese clerks is not practicable because they cannot afford to live so far off as the means of transport for themselves, and their dependents to and from office, school, Church, and market would be too expensive; and in bad weather they might unwillingly be debarred from attending to their duties.

If you will allow me, I would say, that I have spoken to many Portuguese and other gentlemen capable of forming an opinion on the subject, who one and all agreed with me that Kowloon (Tsim-tsa-tau) is the only land in the Colony eligible for the purpose of a rural suburb for people of small incomes, for the reason that it is within a few minutes' ferry of Peddar's Wharf at trifling cost.

A family ticket would convey the largest family backwards, and forwards between Kowloon jetty and Peddar's Wharf all day, even now, when there is no competition, for a few dollars a month.

Respecting the danger of being kept away from office by bad weather, experience in the best test—a steam ferry has been running for three years or more, and has not missed a single morning trip within my knowledge. Many gentlemen noted for punctual attendance at their respective offices, have lived over there for three or four years without incurring this misfortune, which, at the worst, would be of less frequent occurrence than the occasional indisposition which necessitates a day's rest periodically on this side the harbour.

School, Church and Market would soon follow their pupils, attendants and customers; or, if not necessary, in consequence of a better class of ferry-boats running to Peddar's Wharf and back every quarter of an hour at a nominal charge, this difficulty would be equally well disposed of, because, in the latter case, Kowloon folks would be more speedily and cheaply conveyed to all three places, than they can be from their present overcrowded abodes in Victoria.

To the Editor of the "CHINA MAIL,"  
Hongkong, June 26, 1878.

Sir,—Following up the suggestions of "Pedestrian," in his letter which appeared in your last night's issue, I would point out that in the case of a sudden shower or of a day with strong down-beating sun all the Colonnades in Queen's Road and other streets in the Colony, will be found quite impassable from the number of chairs deposited and coolies congregated in the small space intended for foot passengers. The incessant noise, the dangers from bamboo poles carried in a most reckless manner and by no means wholesome odour from the native person, make pedestrains in this place, otherwise to clean, quite intolerable.

Yours, &c.,  
H. R. J.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'reagh, Esq.)  
26th June, 1878.

## USING THREATENING AND INDECENT LANGUAGE.

John Francis, an able seaman belonging to the British barque *Fair Leader*, was charged with using threatening and indecent language towards Mr. Alexandre Heneymann, chief officer of the British barque *Per Ardua*. The complainant stated that he first saw the defendant two or three days ago on board the *Fair Leader*, when she went alongside the Wan-chai Pier. Complainant's vessel was also alongside the pier. Yesterday complainant and the Captain of the *Per Ardua* were sitting on the deck conversing together, when the defendant went opposite to where they were sitting (on the wharf) and abused them. He appeared to have been drinking, and called complainant and the Captain sons of b— and sons of w—, at the same time threatening to knock their brains out before leaving Hongkong. Complainant had never spoken to the defendant before, and never had any quarrel or dispute with him. The same afternoon the defendant returned and used similar expressions.

Defendant admitted the charge, and apologized to complainant for his conduct; he was drunk. As complainant did not

wish to press the charge, defendant was fined \$1 or three days imprisonment.

## ASSAULT.

Mr. William Kerfoot Hughes, broker, was summoned at the instance of Chong Ashing, P.C. No. 176, for an assault. Complainant stated that on the 23rd instant at 2 to 10 o'clock he was walking in Queen's Road West in plain clothes, when he heard a carriage coming behind him and the voice of a European calling out. He (complainant) looked behind and saw the defendant driving a few doors distant, and complainant then stepped to the side of the road. When defendant passed he struck complainant on the face with his whip (shears mark).

Defendant stated that there was a great crowd at the time, and he waved his whip on either side to clear the crowd. Fined \$2.

## SUMBOAT-MEN.

CHAN AHOI and CHAN AON, unlicensed boatmen, were charged by Samuel Chapman, master of the British ship *Sir Harry Parkes*, with sending spirits on board his vessel.

The Captain observed them passing it over the bows. The defendants and the bottle

were taken to the Police Huk.

A second inquest was held on the body of a man named Chung Kin Tai, aged 72, who was found drowned in the harbour near Shau-ki-wan. The evidence went to show that deceased had been subject to fits of insanity, and during one of these fits he destroyed himself. Inspector Swanston and a party of Police received information of the deceased being missing, and they dragged the beach, and found the body near the house where he formerly lived. The body was injured by the drags. The Jury returned a verdict of suicide, whilst in an unsound state of mind.

THE "Silver Question" in this Colony was wont to be, "Where are all the ten-cent pieces?" But this matter has for the present been set at rest, as will be seen from an advertisement which appears elsewhere. 20-cent, 10-cent, and 5-cent silver pieces may now be obtained at the Treasury and the Hongkong Bank at par.

If the whisperings of rumour be trustworthy, than are likely to be some lively passages between an old and respected professional resident and the officers of one of our public departments relative to the subject of "private practice." This is no new controversy by any means, although it has for some time been looked upon as for ever set at rest in this Colony. We shall watch with great interest the issue of this little war.

The hurried and noiseless disappearance of three young members of our community within the last week or ten days has impressed those interested with the looseness and carelessness of our credit system. Any apparently respectable person can easily obtain credit here to a very large amount, and then quietly vanish, leaving his name gracelessly recorded on the books of many unsuspecting sufferers. So it is in the cases above referred to, especially in that of a youthful Dame, who has lately taken himself off under circumstances which would be likely to become personally unpleasant were he to forward his address to Hongkong.

An attack was made on the lighthouse-keeper's quarters at Green Island on the night of the 10th instant; but the attacking party, whatever may have been their object, were frustrated. They entered the sitting room of the European lightkeeper (Mr. Baird) and secured his fire-arms, and Mr. Baird being in his bedroom was thus rendered powerless. They fired through the door, and the shot attracted the attention of the people in the light-tower, who at once sounded the alarm bell, thus causing the unwelcome visitors to decamp in double quick time. We have heard it said that the attack was made in connection with the charge recently brought against Mr. Baird, of which he was acquitted; but we are rather inclined to think that plunder was their object. Mr. Baird, we understand, is soon to be removed to Cape D'Aguilar again, but this has nothing to do with the attack above mentioned. His reinstatement in the service seems to us a most reasonable act on the part of the authorities.

Yours, &c.,  
H. R. J.

## Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. O'reagh, Esq.)  
26th June, 1878.

## USING THREATENING AND INDECENT LANGUAGE.

John Francis, an able seaman belonging to the British barque *Fair Leader*, was charged with using threatening and indecent language towards Mr. Alexandre Heneymann, chief officer of the British barque *Per Ardua*. The complainant stated that he first saw the defendant two or three days ago on board the *Fair Leader*, when she went alongside the Wan-chai Pier. Complainant's vessel was also alongside the pier. Yesterday complainant and the Captain of the *Per Ardua* were sitting on the deck conversing together, when the defendant went opposite to where they were sitting (on the wharf) and abused them. He appeared to have been drinking, and called complainant and the Captain sons of b— and sons of w—, at the same time threatening to knock their brains out before leaving Hongkong. Complainant had never spoken to the defendant before, and never had any quarrel or dispute with him. The same afternoon the defendant returned and used similar expressions.

Defendant admitted the charge, and apologized to complainant for his conduct;

he was drunk. As complainant did not

wish to press the charge, defendant was fined \$1 or three days imprisonment.

## (Times.)

The vessel is armed with Krupp guns of the dimensions stated above, and it will be seen that they are disposed on the central battery system, the armour on the sides of the battery being 9 in. thick and on the athwartship bulkheads 8 in.; access to the battery from the fore and aft parts of the main deck being by means of armoured doors. The guns on the main deck, four in number, have a weight of about 6 tons each, and, being fitted on the embrasure plan, command the broadside, and within 30 deg. of the fore and aft line; the guns on the upper deck weigh about 5½ tons each, and commanding, as already said, the whole horizon, must be of great value as chase guns and for various other purposes. The machinery of the *Fu-so* consists of two pairs of compound horizontal surface condensing trunk engines by Messrs Penn, driving twin screws 15 ft. 6 in. in diameter. The boilers are eight in number of the cylindrical type, working at 60 lb. pressure; each is 11 ft. 8 in. in diameter and contains three furnaces, each 2 ft. 11 in. in diameter. Of the method of attaching the armour to the hull, it will be noticed that the armour is supported by brackets attached outside the frames of the ship, thus allowing a clear line from floor to deck for the frame, and avoiding all the expensive and often unsatisfactory work of the armour shelf as hitherto constructed. The projecting edge of the armour will further act as a bilge keel to reduce the rolling. The iron floating batteries built for the Crimean War were similarly constructed, but this is the first instance in which Mr. Reed or any constructor has applied this improvement to seagoing ships; and it appears to have the advantages of cheapness and expedition in building, especially as the bonding of the armour plates to the vertical curvature of the ship is in this case avoided. That the first advantage exists is self-evident, and the existence of the last is proved by the fact that Messrs Saunders, with whom the contract was placed, completed the framing and plating of the vessel in a very short time. The *Fu-so* is barque-rigged and is extremely handsome in appearance; she will no doubt be very handy also, her speed being high in proportion to her size, and her length being little more than 4 times her beam.

The *Kon-go* and *Hi-yei* are sister vessels,

the *Kon-go* being built by Earle's Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, of Hull, and the *Hi-yei* by the Milford Haven Shipbuilding and Engineering Company, of Pembroke Dock; the engines for both these ships being supplied by the first-named company. The leading features of the light unarmoured composite corvettes of the *Corn* class lately introduced to the British Navy are now well known, and it was thought desirable to supply the Japanese Navy with two vessels of this general type, but with some very material modifications and improvements obtained by means of some increase of size. The vessels will doubtless entertain all the late guests at an inauguration champagne tiffin, to celebrate their own victory, and to welcome their customers' return.

## (Gazette.)

H. B. M. *Modeste* is sailing into port as we go to press (June 13th).

From the Japanese Official List we glean the following particulars respecting the annual pay of Diplomatic and Consular Japanese officials in foreign countries. Extraordinary (of second-class):—To Great Britain, Russia, France or United States, 17,000 yen; Germany, 16,000 yen; Italy, Austria, or China, 15,000 yen. Envoy Extraordinary (of third class):—To Great Britain, Russia, France, or United States, 15,000 yen; Germany, Italy, or Austria, 14,000 yen; China, 13,000. Ministers Resident:—In England, Russia, France, or the United States, 11,000 yen; Germany, Italy, or Austria, 10,000 yen; China, 9,000 yen.

In about like proportion to the importance of the missions to which they are attached are paid the Secretaries of Legation. First Secretaries receiving from 3,800 yen to 4,800 yen per annum, while Second Secretaries have from 2,800 yen to 3,800 yen. The pay of Japanese Consuls and Consuls-General is from 4,000 to 6,500 yen: of Vice-Consuls from 3,000 yen to 5,200 yen. Consular secretaries are paid from 1,800 yen to 2,400 yen per annum.

H. I. M. S. *Haydak* left for Hakodate at noon (June 14th).

H. M. S. *Brooke* has returned from target practice.

Cases of kerosene out of the American barque *Mary Goodell* were being delivered to a Japanese purchaser at the Custom House wharf. One of many of them found to be leaking was opened, and the time taken out. To stop the leakage—this is a fact—two tinmen were set to work to solder an unglazed tin. Their work had not proceeded far when the oil ignited and exploded, fearfully burning the two operators, and endangering many lives. In fact, as the wharf was covered with cases of kerosene, some of them saturated with leakage, there is no estimating the extent of the danger incurred, without their knowledge, by the whole community of Yokohama.

## NAGASAKI.

It is rumoured that the Coreans are buying large quantities of rifles from the Japanese, and we hear that 17,000 have been already disposed of in this port. We have seen Coreans here within the last few days who, so far from presenting the usual dirty appearance of shipwrecked sailors, look more like what we might expect a *Yakuza* of that country to be, and no doubt, if the rumour be true, the coincidence can be explained.

H.M.S. *Syria* returned on Thursday (5th) from Goto Islands and left again on the 11th instant. H. I. M. S. *Australia*, left for the North on the 6th instant. Men-of-war in harbour are the *Audacious*, *Mary*, *Lily*, and the U. S. S. *Ashuelot*. H. M. S. *Charybdis* is expected to join the flag-ship shortly.—*Express*.

## THE NEW JAPANESE WAR-VEHICLES.

The following account of the latest acquisitions to the Japanese Navy is abridged from an article in *Engineering*:—

The *Fu-so* is a broadside frigated vessel of somewhat similar type to those designed by Mr. Reed for the Chilian Government, and completed about two years ago and somewhat similar to, but much more powerful than, the *Fetbi*-*Suind* and *Mitsukemone* *Kis*, two Turkish vessels also built from the designs of Mr. Reed, when he was Chief-Constructor of the Navy. The *Fu-so*, although but little larger, has been made much more formidable than the Turkish ironclads referred to, by means of improvements which the later date of her design has rendered practicable. She has an additional deck battery, the upper deck carrying two guns of 17 centimetres bore with fire right and left, and 17 centimetres gun at the stern capable of a range from right stern to 35 deg. forward of the beam. They have horizontal compound engines of 2,600 indicated horse power, and have also a large spread of canvas; indeed the rig of all the three Japanese vessels has been made as nearly as possible the same, in order to make any of the spare spars, rigging, or stores available for other ship. The corvettes each carry about 230 tons of coal. In order to secure the power of fighting the gun right aft, Mr. Reed has adopted the prop and the apparatus for lifting the screw from the water fitted to the British ships. In the case of the latter the guns can fire only within an angle of about 2 deg. across the fore and aft line except by removing the gun from side to side of the ship. The abolition of the screw lifting gear will undoubtedly simplify the arrangement of the machinery astern, and disconnecting gear, to allow the free revolution of the screw when the vessel is under sail, is provided. On one important point the Japanese vessels have great advantage, that is as regards boiler space; their greater length as compared with the British ships has enabled much larger boilers to be fitted, and as much of the difficulty experienced with the machinery of the *Tourmaline* and her sister vessels appears to have sprung from priming, owing to insufficient steam space, it is confidently expected that much more satisfactory results will be developed in the trials of the Japanese vessels. The speed expected from them is 13½ knots, but, judging from the beautiful lines of the vessels and their large engine power, it is not unlikely that this estimate will be considerably exceeded.

One of the most important features of the Japanese corvettes yet remains to be mentioned, and that is a belt of armour 4½ in. thick extending along the ship at about the height of the water line; this belt is embedded in the wood sheathing of the ship, being covered by an outer thickness of plank 4½ in. thick, thus avoiding any obstruction to sheathing the vessels with copper in the usual way. In addition to the armour protection there is also that afforded by the coals which surround the magazines and boilers, but, as we have said, this latter protection cannot be depended upon in the later stages of the vessel's career.

The *Kon-go* and *Hi-yei* are certainly in appearance the handsomest vessels intended for war purposes which we have ever seen; they are more like yachts than men-of-war, and this fact may be taken

## Notices of Firms.

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. S. J. DAVID in our Firm at this Port, and in China, CEASED on the 31st December, 1875.

E. D. SASSOON & Co.  
Hongkong, June 14, 1878. jy14

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. ARTHUR CHAT in our Firm CHAMPS on the 31st December last.

J. INGLIS & Co.

Hongkong, June 13, 1878. jy13

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878. jy8

## NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Unsigned in the *Chinese Mail*, from the 1st August, 1877, until the Date prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

OHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the *Chinese Mail* from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEONG YOOK CHAN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under its new régime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG CHIM,

Leasee of the *Hongkong Chinese Mail*.  
Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

## MAILS.



## STEAM FOR

Singapore, Penang, Point de Galle,  
Aden, Suez, Malta, Brindisi,  
Acre, Venice, Mediterranean  
Ports, Southampton,  
and London;

Also,

Bombay, Madras, and Calcutta.

THE PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY'S Steamship *INDIA*, Captain J. REEVES, will leave this on SATURDAY, the 29th June, at Noon.

For further particulars, apply to  
A. LIND, Superintendent.

Hongkong, June 18, 1878. jy28

**Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.**

TAKING THROUGH CARGO AND PASSENGERS FOR THE UNITED STATES AND EUROPE, IN CONNECTION WITH THE CENTRAL and UNION PACIFIC AND CONNECTING RAILROAD COMPANIES AND ATLANTIC STEAMERS.

THE S. S. "GARLIC" will be despatched for San Francisco via Yokohama on THURSDAY, the 4th July, at 3 p.m., taking Cargo and Passengers to Japan, the United States and Europe.

Confection is made at Yokohama, with Steamer from Shanghai.

Freight will be received on Board until 4 p.m. of the 3rd July. PARCEL PACKAGES will be received at the Office until 5 p.m. same day; all Parcel Packages should be marked to address in full; value of same is required.

A REDUCTION is made on RETURN PASSENGER TICKETS.

For further information as to Freight or Passage, apply to the Agency of the Company, No. 27, Queen's Road Central. G. B. EMMORY, Agent.

Hongkong, June 17, 1878. jy4

## NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

FAUCETE POSTE FRANCAISE.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, ADEN, SUEZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSEILLE.

ALSO, BOMBAY, MAHE ST. DENIS, AND PORT LOUIS.

ON SATURDAY, the 6th July, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *MAILS*, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.

Cargo and Specie will be registered for Remittance as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.

Shipping Orders will be granted until 2 p.m.

Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 5 p.m. on the 6th July, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)

Contents and value of Packages are required.

For further particulars, apply at the Agency's Office.

G. B. EMMORY,

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

## Notices to Consignees.

## OCIDENTAL &amp; ORIENTAL S. S. COMPANY.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per Steamship *GARLIC*, from San Francisco, &c., are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods.

Cargo impeding discharge of the Steamer will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

G. B. EMMORY,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 20, 1878. jy27

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## S. S. AMAZONE.

## NOTICE.

CONSIGNERS of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 24th Instant, at Noon, requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after SATURDAY, the 29th Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Hongkong, June 24, 1878. jy29

## COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

## NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for counter-signature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

H. DU POUHEY,

Agent.

Ex "Yangtsé."

SP (in triangle) Order, 100 bags; from Sharp Stones. Madras.

Ex "Ava."

FH 2 Order, 1000 Cachouks, from Marseilles. JARG Order, 6 bales Cotton, from Gallo. Macao.

Hongkong, June 15, 1878.

## INSURANCES.

## THE SCOTTISH IMPERIAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned having been appointed Agent in Hongkong for the above-named Company, is prepared to Grant Policies against FIRE on Buildings and on Goods to the extent of £10,000, at the usual Rates, subject to an immediate Discount of 20 per cent.

Attention is invited to a considerable reduction in Premium for Life Insurance in China.

J. Y. VERNON SHAW.

Hongkong, June 1, 1878.

## THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

## HEAD OFFICE—HONGKONG.

A GENOCIES at all the Treaty Ports of China and Japan, and at Singapore, Saigon and Penang.

Risks accepted, and Policies of Insurance granted at the rates of Premium current at the above mentioned Ports.

NO CHARGE FOR POLICY FEES.

JAS. B. COUGHTRIE,

Secretary.

Hongkong, November 1, 1871.

## LANCASHIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

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CAPITAL—TWO MILLIONS STERLING.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against the Risk of FIRE on Buildings or on Goods stored therein, on Goods on board Vessels and on Hulls of Vessels in Harbour, at the usual Terms and Conditions.

Proposals for Life Assurances will be received, and transmitted to the Directors for their decision.

If required, protection will be granted on first class Lives up to £1000 on a Single Life.

For Rates of Premiums, forms of proposals or any other information, apply to ARNHOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 6, 1872.

## QUEEN FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned are prepared to grant Policies against Fire to the extent of \$45,000 on Buildings, or on Goods stored therein, at current local rates, subject to a Discount of 20% on the Premium.

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 6, 1872.

## NORTON &amp; CO.

Agents, Hongkong & Canton.

Hongkong, January 6, 1872.

## MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE COMPANY OF MANCHESTER AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned are prepared to appoint Agents for the above Company at Hongkong, Canton, Foochow, Shanghai and Hankow, and are prepared to grant Insurance at current rates.

For further particulars, apply at the Agency's Office.

G. B. EMMORY,

Hongkong, January 6, 1872.

## INSURANCES.

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Fully Paid-up..... £10,000,000  
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Subject to a charge of 12% for interest on Shareholders' Capital, ALL THE PROFITS on the UNDERWRITING BUSINESS will be annually distributed among all Contributors of Business in proportion to the premium paid by them.

RUSSELL & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, May 10, 1878. jy10

## CHINESE INSURANCE COMPANY, (LIMITED.)

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POLICIES granted at current rates on Marine Risks to all parts of the World, in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association, Two Thirteenths of the Profits are distributed annually to Contributors, whether shareholders or not, in proportion to the net amount of Premium contributed by each, the remaining third being carried to Reserve Fund.

OLYPHANT & CO., General Agents.

Hongkong, April 17, 1878.

## ROYAL INSURANCE COMPANY.

THE Undersigned, Agents for the above Company, are prepared to grant Insurances at current rates.

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THE Undersigned, AGENTS at Hongkong for the above Company, are prepared to grant Policies against FIRE, to the extent of £10,000 on any Building, or on Merchandise in the same, at the usual Rates, subject to a discount of 20 per cent.

GILMAN & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, July 6, 1878.

## SHEONG ON FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

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